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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Gifford Park Association's (GPA) Annual Elgin Historic House Tour is celebrating its 25th year; the tour is scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, The tour is an interior and exterior walking review of the historically and architecturally significant homes in Elgin; typically held on the first or second weekend of September, nine or ten homes are selected and shown on the tour; a different section of Elgin is featured each year; and

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WHEREAS, Participants in the tour view the interior and exterior of the homes; docents guide the guests through the houses, pointing out features of architectural and historical significance; and

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WHEREAS, The Gifford Park Association was founded in 1979 by neighbors and friends to improve the quality and historic integrity of the Gifford Park neighborhood; as a not-for-profit organization, it is dedicated to promoting and encouraging the preservation of all historical districts in Elgin, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Based in Elgin's original historic district, one of the GPA's main goals is to improve the quality of neighborhood life by preserving the historical integrity of the homes in the neighborhood; one of many strategies the GPA uses to spark change is to transform a distressed property in a prominent part of the neighborhood where housing improvement is needed; since 1985, the GPA has used the proceeds from the Annual Historic House Tour, City of Elgin grant programs, and bank loans to purchase, rehab, and restore problem properties to single family use; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate the Gifford Park Association on the occasion of
3 its 25th annual Historic Elgin House Tour; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Gifford Park Association as an expression of
6 our esteem.